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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer
Lowering Flags for Slain Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie

"This day has been one of heartbreak as we learn more about a shooting near the southern Arizona border that left one U.S. Border Patrol agent dead and another injured.

"Agent Nicholas Ivie, 30, was killed early this morning while he and two other agents responded to an alerted ground sensor outside Bisbee in a remote area frequented by cross-border drug smugglers. A second agent – who has not yet been identified – was injured in the shooting but has been released from the hospital.

"Agent Ivie, a native of Provo, Utah, joined the Border Patrol in 2008. As we await specific details of the events that led to Agent Ivie's death, let this tragedy serve as a stark reminder of the dangers encountered by the brave men and women who guard our borders and protect our nation. As with all members of our law enforcement and military, these officers risk their lives to keep us safe, secure and free. They deserve our gratitude.

"Please hold Agent Ivie, his family and his fellow law enforcement officers in your hearts and prayers during this tragic time. Let us never take for granted their service. In honor of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie, I have ordered that flags at all State buildings be lowered to half-staff until sunset today, October 2, 2012, and again on the day of his interment, for which services are pending."

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